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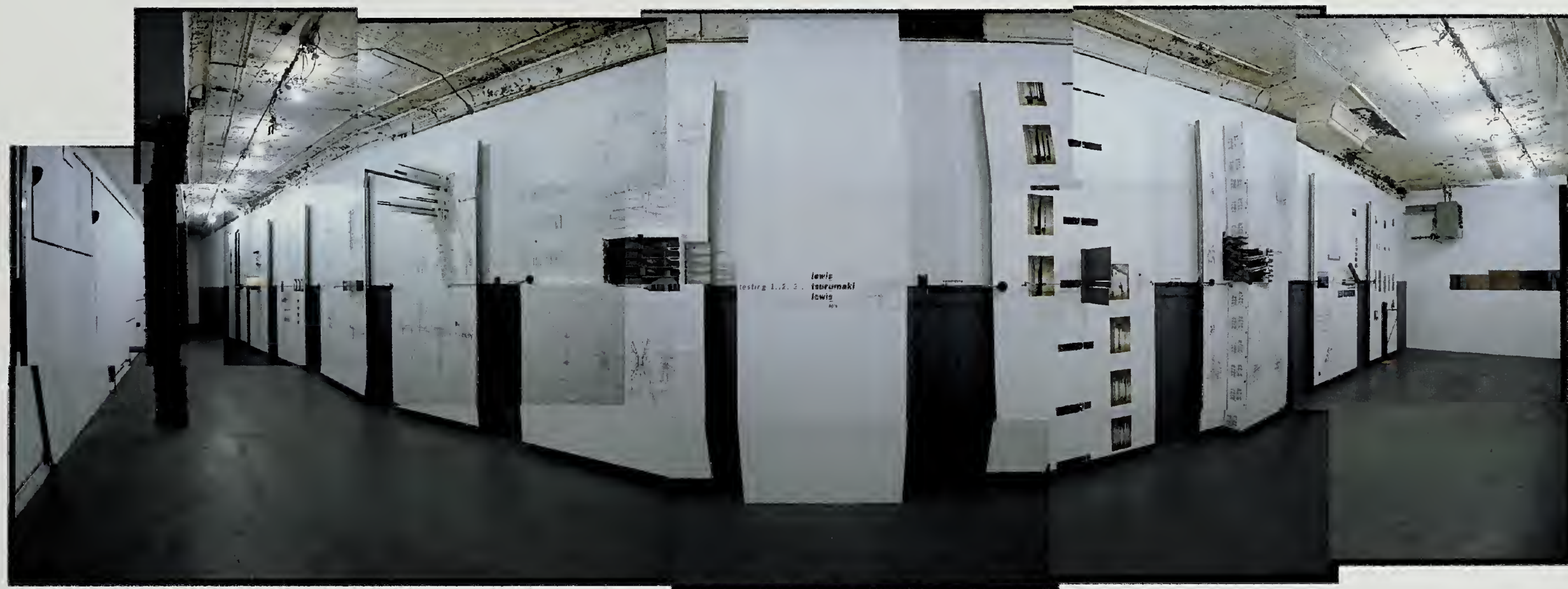
**" Testing 1.. 2.. 3.."
Exhibition by OP 'S
June 12 - August 2, 1997
Opening reception June 12, 6-8pm**

On view at StoreFront from June 12 thru August 2 is **Testing 1..2..3..** : an installation of ten speculative architectural projects ranging from executed designs to conceptual urban projects. Each project draws out irrational desire from the apparently rational conventions of architecture, by engaging generic programs and elements within the provisional context of Manhattan: from chairs, tables, doors to apartments, offices movie theaters, video stores, to city blocks ad skyscrapers. Seemingly banal and usually overlooked conventions within these entities, become the source for their opportunistic and tactical reconfiguration. Working from these given conditions, each project logically pursues the perversity of architecture to near illogical ends. As such, this interrogation of the everyday seeks to amplify the repressed strangeness of architecture forgotten in the processes of normalization. By an articulation and subsequent exacerbation of these logics, **Testing 1.. 2.. 3..** seeks an architecture of creative speculation.

Op's is a collaboration between Paul Lewis, Marc Tsurumaki and David Lewis, based in New York City and formed in 1992. **Op's** is a cross-disciplinary studio focused on architectural speculation. Their work ranges from architecture competitions, art installations, exhibition design, furniture design and fabrication to conceptual building projects. **Op's** has received three ID Magazine Environment Design Awards (*Slipped Space* 1995, *Eavesdropping* and *Pull of Beauty* in 1997) and are twice winners of the Architectural Leagues Young Architects Forum (1993 as Tsurumaki & Pelsinski, and 1997 as Lewis & Lewis). Their work has been exhibited at StoreFront for Art & Architecture, Exit Art: The First World, and The Urban Center.

Paul Lewis and David Lewis, both born in Ohio in 1966, are graduates of Wesleyan University and Carleton College, respectively. Marc Tsurumaki, born in 1965 in Maryland, is a graduate of University of Virginia. All three received a master of Architecture from Princeton University Graduate School of Architecture. Paul teaches architecture at Columbia and Barnard Colleges. Marc teaches both at Parson's School for Environmental Design and New Jersey Institute of Technology. David will be a professor of architecture at Cornell University this Fall.

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